

# Johnny Kling Will Attempt to Catch Ball Thrown From Washington Monument

## KLING TO ATTEMPT EMULATING FEAT OF "POWHERFUL GABBY"

Seeks Permission to Catch  
Ball Thrown From  
Height.

### SPENCER GOES BACK TO ROCHESTER CLUB

McBride's Injured Leg Is Slow  
to Round Into  
Shape.

By "SENATOR."  
Johnny Kling, once known as the greatest catcher alive, when identified with the champion Chicago Cubs, and now the peppy manager of the Boston Nationals, who broke even with Clark Griffith's youngsters here last week, will make an attempt to catch a ball thrown from the window in the Washington Monument as soon as he has received the necessary sanction from Col. Spencer S. Cosby, of the public buildings and grounds department of the District. He has already received a letter from the District Commissioners and hopes to make his attempt at this difficult feat as soon as he gets permission.

It was Kling's intention to make his attempt yesterday morning, but delay in the negotiations resulted in the postponement and he accompanied his team to Baltimore, where they played Jack Dunn's Orioles yesterday, incidentally shutting them out 6 to 0.

If Kling succeeds in catching a ball tossed from the Monument, he will be the third to do so. "Gabby" Street, the veteran backstop of the Nationals, now a member of the New York Highlanders, was the first player to electrify the country by catching a ball dropped from the window in the stone tower. He accomplished this in the summer of 1908. He then became known as the "Monument Baby" all over the American League circuit.

Caught Three Balls.

In August Billy Sullivan, the White Sox stellar backstop, caught three balls thrown from the window close to the top of the Monument. Since then no player has tried to do this stunt, though Norman Eberfeld, the little infielder with the Nationals last year, intended trying it with a small fielder's glove, thus establishing a new record.

The window from which the ball is thrown is 442 feet from the ground, and the ball when caught in the catcher's mitt is traveling at the rate of 161 feet a second. If the would-be catcher were to be hit by the ball, his injury might be fatal, and none but an expert can receive sanction to try the experiment. However, Kling is one of the most experienced catchers in baseball, and should have little trouble in getting the necessary permission.

Chester Spencer, the first baseman from Rochester, who for another season with Jack Flynn for a permanent position at first base with the Nationals and has been sent back to John Gansel's club for another season's polishing. This action is a favor to Gansel, who, losing Dolly Gray, believed himself pretty well off in the deal which brought Dan Moeller and Eddie Foster to the Capital.

Shy With Willow.  
Spencer is a beautiful fielding first baseman, but is still a bit shy with the willow, Jack Flynn's strong point. If Spencer had been as hard a hitter as Flynn, he might have won the place, but the necessity of having a powerful catcher in the line-up awayed Manager Griffith toward Flynn.

Allan Scheer, the little second baseman, has departed for Youngstown, Ohio, where he will have little trouble in holding his job this season. Scheer is a powerful hitter, but has plenty of time ahead of him to learn the fine points of the game. On his showing with the Nationals it would not be surprising to find him bobbing up for another trial with some major league team next season.

George McBride has a drain applied to his wounded leg, and is in hopes of being able to play for the Brooklyn Superbas tomorrow. The veteran shortstop is seldom out of the game through accident, and in anxious to get his uniform and get the needed practice before the opening of the season.

Close This Week.  
The spring exhibition series of the Nationals comes to a close this week with contests with Brooklyn tomorrow and Tuesday. Wednesday will be a day of rest for the athletes, and they will leave at 7 o'clock in the evening for Philadelphia, where they will open the season against the world's champion Athletics on Thursday.

The Nationals have lost five of their twelve exhibition games played thus far this spring, which is not bad considering the experimental condition of the team. Following is the record of the series:

Nationals, 3; Virginia, 5.  
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Nationals, 6; Philadelphia, 1.  
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Nationals, 2; Baltimore, 2.  
Nationals, 2; Catholic University, 0.  
Nationals, 3; Giants, 5.  
Nationals, 3; Giants, 6.  
Nationals, 3; Boston Nationals, 1.  
Nationals, 8; Boston Nationals, 7.  
Nationals, 14; Cornell, 2.

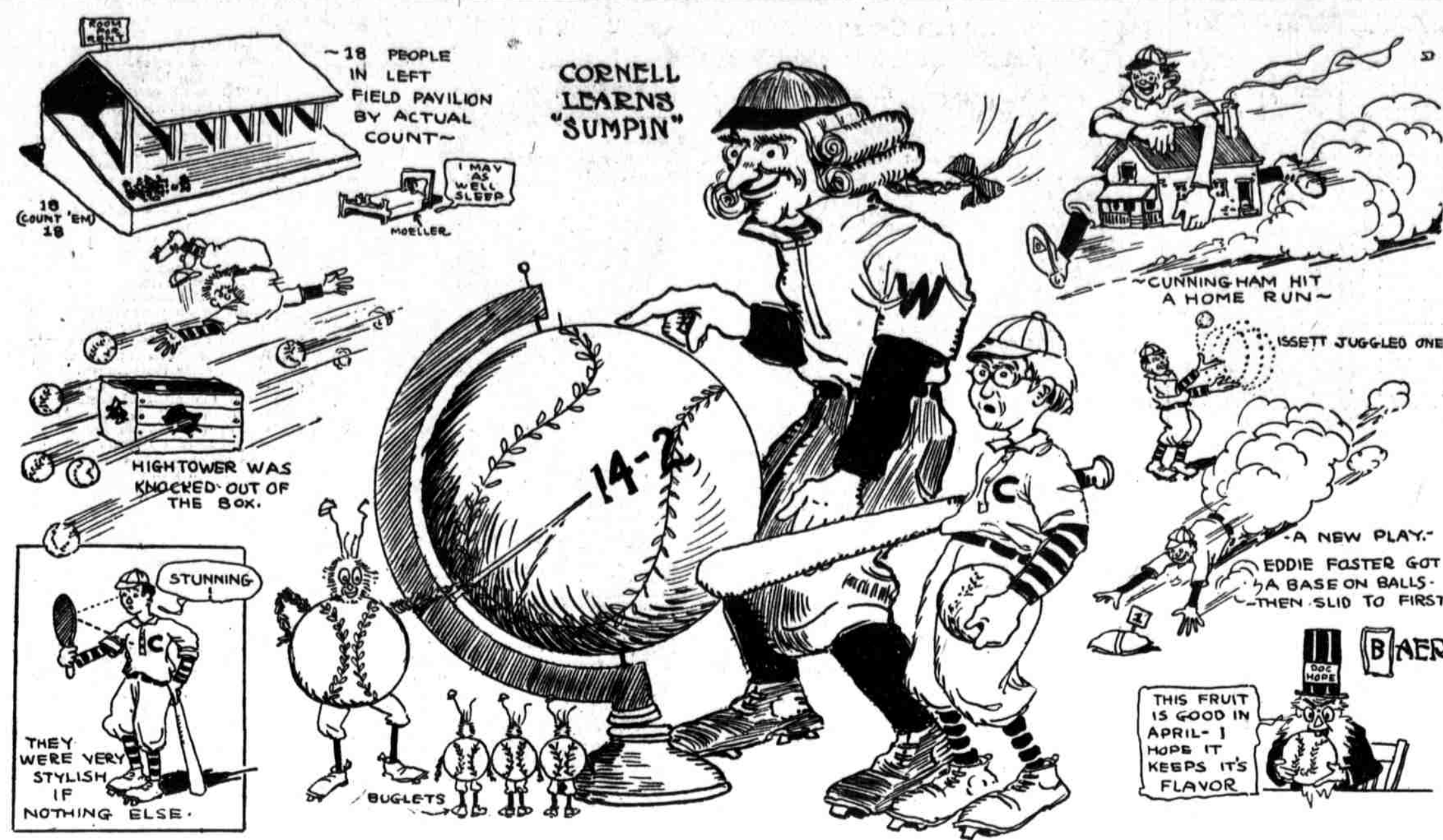
Play In Richmond.  
Tomorrow the Yankinians will play in Richmond. Walter Johnson and Joe Boecking officiating on the slab. This will be Johnson's final workout before twirling the season's opening ball in Philadelphia Thursday. The team will leave tomorrow morning for the Virginia Capital and return after the game.

Today Manager Griffith had his hopeful practice at the Monument, but, though some of them didn't relish the extra endeavor any too well, however, that didn't worry the boss, and they got their workouts just the same.

### Bill Burns Becomes Member of Tigers

DETROIT, April 7.—The Detroit American League club yesterday purchased Bill Burns, a southpaw, from the Minneapolis club of the American Association. He reported to Manager Jennings in Toledo. Burns has pitched for teams in both the major leagues.

## First Class in Baseballlogy Instructed on How the Game Should Be Played



## CUNNINGHAM'S RAP AWAKENS THE FANS

Sleepers Rub Their Eyes When "Mild Bill" Drives Out  
Homer to Left—Nationals Win, 14 to 2,  
From Cornell Varsity Team.

By "SENATOR."  
"Mild Bill" Cunningham greatly amused a couple of hundred baseball bugs yesterday at the Florida avenue park by smiting the pellet on the pro-woods, sending it rolling over and over again until it settled in the corner pocket in deep left. The mighty drive was good for the entire circuit and Bill made a grandstand finish by somersaulting over Abbott, the Cornell backstop, who had deftly blocked his path toward the pan. And then the fans went to sleep again for the Nationals won by a score of 14 to 2, and there was little need to keep awake.

The calm, deliberate, deadly, persistent pitching of Paul Musser, the "Canton controller," took all semblance of life from the exhibition, particularly because the collegians were miserably frail with the wind. Only Ketter, the huge third baseman, could hit the ball and it is to be supposed that he did it to cover up his many weaknesses in the field and on the bases. Musser was out to make a vivid impression on Acting Manager George McBride, nursing an infected leg on the bench, and little cared he about the absence of interest in the pastime. The game was as lively as moving pictures showing a Hindoo thinking of the immortal gods.

Jerry Akers, the "Dubuque demon," eased through the final four sessions in masterly style, though there was little for him to do, except to watch his youthful support hurt the ball around the diamond and to tell a whitewash. Cornell pulled twice and left the arena satisfied enough.

Just a Parade.  
The game? Oh, there wasn't any game, just a parade. Hightower, on the hill for Cornell, was wild and weak and poorly supported, everybody behind him thinking it a mark of honor to drop the ball or throw it off the earth. In the opening inning Bill Cunningham's locust motive shot to left field scored Milan and Schaefer went all the way around when Butler let the leather filter through him. The Dutchman scored on Cunningham's sacrifice fly to O'Connell in the third.

In the fifth Hightower blew up and four passes, mixed with some bad mis-plays and a couple of blows, resulted in three runs, and the fans yawned visibly, the whole score of them, not counting the press gentlemen. Flynn was on when Cunningham's homer sent him in. Morgan lived on an error and was forced when Akers drew a pass. Painful episode, that inning.

The sixth was its counterpart, three more runs coming over on an error, Jack Flynn's single to right, Cunningham's double to left followed by his sprinting home from second, and Morgan's paraded at first. That mad dash of Cunningham's woke up four fans in the right field pavilion, and their eyes and went back to sleep again.

Then a Nightmare.  
The eighth was a nightmare, five more runs coming over. Moeller hit to Ketter and went to second on the latter's heave to the fence. A passed ball gave him another and he scored when Ketter blooped Flynn's slap. Cunningham skied, but Morgan singled to center, driving in Flynn and scoring himself when O'Connell let the ball roll almost to the bleachers. Foster singled to center and Gordon dropped Henry's fly, each runner taking two sacks. Akers surprised Acting Manager McBride by singling to center, scoring Foster and Henry.

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### The Standings

PHILADELPHIA CHAMPIONSHIP.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
National	3	2	.600
American	2	3	.400

Yesterday's Score.  
Phillies, 6; Athletics, 2.

ST. LOUIS CHAMPIONSHIP.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
National	4	2	.667
American	2	4	.333

Yesterday's Score.  
National, 9; American, 7.

### Amherst Wins From Midshipmen in Twelfth

ANNAPOLIS, April 7.—After eleven innings, in which the Naval Academy and Amherst each scored twice, the visitors hit safely three times in their half of the twelfth, and with the help of a base on balls, clinched the game with two runs. Fielding honors were about evenly distributed, but Amherst hit the ball in much better style.

Vernon allowed only four hits in the twelve innings, although two of these were doubles. It was his hit in the final inning which won the game for Amherst.

Whitman started the inning by finding Wakeman for a single. Kimball struck out and Fitts fled to third. After Partenheimer had singled and Burt had been passed, Wakeman was replaced by Seibert, but Vernon singled to deep center, scoring Whitman and Partenheimer.

The Score.  
Amherst.....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 4 11 3  
Navy.....1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 4 3

### Baseball Results

Washington, 14; Cornell, 2.  
Vermont, 5; Georgetown, 1.  
Eastern High, 13; N. M. S., 12.  
Langdon, 8; Business High, 5.  
Central High, 14; G. W. U. Med., 11.  
Brooklyn, 5; Wheeling, 4.  
Terre Haute, 7; St. Paul, 4.  
Brooklyn (second team), 8; Springfield, 1.  
Boston Nationals, 3; Baltimore, 0.  
Yankees, 13; Columbus, 11.  
Toronto, 14; Richmond, 5.  
New York Giants, 5; Jersey City, 1.  
Brown, 3; Providence, 2.  
Detroit, 10; Toledo, 2.  
White Sox, 15; Wichita, 3.  
Chicago Cubs, 1; Indianapolis, 0.  
Kansas City, 6; Pittsburgh Pirates, 5.  
Phillies, 6; Athletics, 2.  
Amherst, 4; Navy, 2.  
Cardinals, 9; Browns, 7.  
Yale, 3; Virginia, 3.  
V. P. L., 13; V. M. L., 3.  
Washington and Lee, 6; Columbia, 4.  
Penn., 5; Swarthmore, 3.  
Newark, 9; Petersburg, 1.  
New York Giants (second team), 12; Roanoke, 5.  
Presbyterian College of South Carolina, 4; Wofford College, 2.  
King's College, 12; Asheville High, 1.  
Columbia, 7; Spartanburg, 6.  
Georgia Tech, 4; Mercer, 1.  
University of North Carolina, 5; Randolph, 0.  
Winston-Salem, 11; Davidson College, 2.  
Fordham, 7; Stevens, 3.  
Wake Forest, 8; Eastern College, 2.  
Lehigh High, 10; Wilson High, 1.  
Forman, 8; Charleston College, 3.  
Whitsett College, 14; Bingham College, 0.  
Atlantic College, 5; Warrenton High, 5.  
Illinois, 4; Tennessee, 0.

## PHILLIES LEADING IN TITLE CONTESTS

Defeat Athletics With Ease, Pounding Krause and Danforth—Alexander Hard Nut to Crack on the Mound.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 7.—Grover Cleveland Alexander and a recruit pitcher named Seaton, with the aid of one "Red" Doolan, showed they had the ability to stop the champion Athletics yesterday and won for the Phillies by 6 to 2 in the city series. After Alexander had held the Athletics runless for five innings, Seaton took up the running and allowed but two tallies. The Phillies outthrew the champions and were able to make their clouts count, getting runs at intervals during the game.

Knabe, Titus, and Doolan connected for two hits each, and aided materially in putting the Phillies ahead. The games now stand three to two in favor of the Phillies, who came back after a disastrous defeat on Friday. Holmes filled in at third for the Athletics, and while he could not outshine Baker, performed creditably. Rube Oldring made a sensational catch, which proved to be the feature of the game. Cravath, playing for Magee for the Phillies, hit well, but misjudged an easy fly off Lapp's bat. The score:

R.H.E.  
Phillies.....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1-6 10 0  
Athletics.....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0-2 6 2

Bresnahan's Cardinals  
Win City Championship

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 7.—Roger Bresnahan's Cardinals are today springtime champions of St. Louis, having won the last game of the city series from Rhody Wallace's Browns by a 9-to-7 victory, which was interspersed with frequent wrangling, which culminated in a fat fight between Austin and Steinfeld. Steinfeld was coaching at third, when in the sixth inning, Mowrey overslid the bag. Austin muffed the throw, and Steinfeld grabbed him from making the play. Blows were interchanged, and no arrests were made. The crowd lined up for both teams, and the remainder of the game was a constant and bitter struggle. Stovall cleared the bases with a double in the seventh for the Browns and Mowrey, for the Cardinals, proved to be the star hitter. The score:

R.H.E.  
Cardinals.....0 2 0 0 0 5 0 2 0-3 14 2  
Browns.....0 0 0 1 0 0 4 0 2-7 11 4

Stivett's Disappoints  
Fans at Conyngham

HAZLETON, Pa., April 7.—There is gloom among the lovers of baseball at Conyngham, a borough near here, because Jack Stivett, former pitching star of the St. Louis Browns and the Boston Nationals, has left the village after promising to officiate in the box at the coming season for the Conyngham club. Stivett, who retired from the game some years ago, is a carpenter, and was employed in that capacity at the Black River country, but when the mine suspension came he was rendered idle and went to his home in Schuylkill county to seek work at his trade. Conyngham fans don't expect him back.

Larry Lajoie Enters  
Seventeenth Season

Larry Lajoie is entering upon his seventeenth year in the major league. During his sixteen years' service he has failed to surpass the 200 mark only twice, in 1907 and 1908. Not many doubt the truth of the oft-repeated statement

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## MOTOR CAR MAKERS FEAR CUT IN TARIFF MAY HURT INDUSTRY

Thirteen Manufacturers File  
Protest With Senate  
Finance Committee.

By HARRY WARD.

Aroused by the Underwood bill, which threatens to reduce the tariff on automobiles from 45 per cent to 20 or 33 per cent, thirteen of the largest motor car manufacturers in the country have banded together and filed a protest against the measure with the Senate Finance Committee. They point out that a reduction in tariff might mean at least an 8 per cent reduction in the wages of the thousands and thousands of wage-earners at present employed in the American plants. They say this would be the logical loophole, because the cost of production in many cases cannot be reduced in any other way.

The brief bristles with facts of interest, chief of which is the evidence offered as to the need of a protective tariff to prevent a reduction of wages in order to meet foreign competition, the claim being made that "were it not for the protective tariff policy of this country at the time the motor car industry came on the horizon, almost countless millions of dollars would have gone abroad for motor vehicles by reason of the earlier start of the industry in Europe, and American artisans would have gone without many millions of wages which the tariff has enabled them to earn."

The brief points out that the wages paid abroad are from one-third to half the rates prevalent in American factories, which difference in compensation is maintained by the tariff, and tells of the efforts made by European makers to get into the American market. European makers, it is also pointed out, in addition to having the benefit of cheap labor, also have the advantage of being able to use American machinery, which in itself means much.

The thirteen manufacturers filing the protest have a total capital of \$60,000,000, employ 35,000 wage-earners, whose pay for twelve months aggregates \$3,000,000. The amount of material purchased by them in twelve months is said to be \$2,000,000.

Joseph Leiter, president of the Washington Gas Company, is the latest purchaser of a Cadillac roadster. Other Cadillac sales made last week by the Cook & Stoddard Company include touring cars purchased by Mrs. Tyson Elliott, C. V. Grunwell, C. F. Nesbit, Z. H. Cave, E. E. Jordan, and roadsters purchased by Dr. C. L. Ellis and H. Talbot. R. A. Harlow purchased a landaulet with an extra touring body.

The Commercial Automobile and Supply Company reports the sale of E-M-F touring cars to Lieut. N. L. Jones, George E. Stoddard, and two new delivery wagons. Both vehicles are mounted on the model 50 chassis, and will be known as "model 50 delivery special" and "model 50 delivery press." The former is equipped with a covered body, while the latter is fitted with an open body. The carrying capacity of each is 800 pounds. They have been designed for merchants who require rapid delivery of small and medium-sized parcels.

Ford cars sold last week by Miller Brothers include the following: Dr. H. Donnelly, Allen E. Walker & Co., J. F. Keicher (two), H. N. Payne, G. Kneels, J. M. C. 22, Alice M. Clark, C. Walter Hoover, Mrs. Whitson, S. Alexander, J. A. Balderson, Straus-Gunst Company, Dr. M. R. Evans, John Shure, E. S. Gratton, Pauline Wiltch, A. B. Pay, A. J. Hendrick, Henri Wagner, William H. Warner, and J. G. Meyer.

James J. Flynn has been appointed manager of the Washington branch of the Locomobile Company, and will take charge May 1. Mr. Flynn has been manager of the Zell Motor Car Company for some time, and has a host of friends in this city, who wish him much success in his new field. Mr. Flynn succeeds J. E. Macdonald, who has gone to the Philadelphia office of the Locomobile Company to join the Packard sales force.

The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, of Akron, Ohio, is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary. Since its formation the company has placed on the market one million tires.

DETROIT, April 7.—According to Manager Jennings, the Tigers will be from 15 to 20 per cent stronger than last year, apparently strengthened in every position where needed. The veteran pitchers are in excellent condition and Jennings believes his youngsters will make a good showing.

CHANCE SHAVES FINGER.  
INDIANAPOLIS, April 7.—Manager Chance of the Chicago Cubs, will be disabled for a few days as a result of an experiment. He was trying to shave himself at his hotel yesterday and cut his finger.

PACIFIC COAST CLASSIC.  
Fifteen cars have been entered to date in the Santa Monica free-for-all automobile road race to be run May 4. In the small car race it looks as if there will be twelve entrants.

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